

OLD TIMERS MADE BASEBALL POPULAR---YACHTING NEWS

OLD 'KNICKS' WERE BASEBALL PIONEERS

Did a Great Deal to Make the Game Popular in Early Days.

CRINOLINE AND PLUG HAT

These Graced the Contests at Elysian Fields—First Set of Rules.

By DANIEL.

Rather a far cry from the Polo Grounds and the world champion Giants and pennant winning Yankees of 1921 to the Elysian Fields, near Hoboken, and the Knickerbockers and Gotham of 1841! What a world of progress baseball has made since the worthy gentlemen who organized the Knickerbocker Club on September 23, 1845, drew up the first set of rules to govern the game in this section of the country! A great game and a most interesting history.

Let's take a look at the accompanying picture—a game between the Knickerbockers and the Washington Club of New York at the Elysian Fields on June 17, 1851. The Knickerbockers won by 22 to 20 in ten innings. A nifty scene that—for Hoboken. We note the absence of a steel stadium, huge bleachers, teeming thousands. We note, too, that even in that early day the ladies took an interest in baseball.

Out in the right field we observe what was known as the pavilion, in front of which are gathered many dames in the fashionable crinoline of the period with a number of equestrian dames bowing here and there, and without doubt explaining the intricacies of the new national pastime. "Taking a lady to the game" was just as delightful and conversational a job as it is now.

Plug Hats Present.

In the foreground we note the splendid press stand, the eager looks of the reporters, the plug hats among the fans seated on camp chairs which very likely were borrowed from McCarthy's Hotel, the nonchalant bravado of the young man who is lying directly behind the umpire. And note, too, the peculiar position of that official, who stands with a bat in his hand, ready for all manner of debate.

There is no home plate. The umpire was not called on to judge balls and strikes, and the fly game had not yet been adopted. Not until 1864 was this done. The catcher stands far behind the batter, and he has no glove, nor has he a mask. Not until Jim Tynng of Harvard wore one which had been invented by Fred Thayer in 1875 did a backstop wear a mask. And it was not until that year that players wore gloves. The pitcher, who had to use an underhand delivery back in 1851 and who knew nothing about curves, appears to be right on top of the batter. The rules stipulated that he had to be at least fifteen paces from home.

A merry scene indeed in that old woodcut! The game shown in the picture was the first extra inning affair in the history of baseball, and the accommodations depicted therein were at the time regarded as the last word in baseball progress. The Knickerbocker Club, which was the first baseball organization in the United States, was the outgrowth of a lot of scrub gamblers on the Hudson River Railroad depot and on which Madison Square Garden now stands.

Began at Cooperstown.

These games began in 1842, four years after baseball was originated at Cooperstown, N. Y., by Abner Doubleday, who later became a general and served with great honor and distinction in the civil war. The march of progress, over impatient time as it is now, soon forced the players from their lot at Twenty-seventh street and they moved to Murray Hill, "between the railroad cut and Third avenue." In 1845 Alex. Cartwright suggested that a regular club be organized and that a recruiting committee be formed. At a preliminary meeting the members realized that they would be forced to move from Murray Hill too, so they decided to cross over to New Jersey. Afternoon they met at the Barclay street ferry, crossed the Hudson and began to move north, looking for suitable ground. They stopped at the Elysian Fields and there they settled.

The first rules of the Knickerbockers were of intense interest to the present generation of baseball devotees. They show how great has been the advance of the game and how elementary was the sport which now attracts forty thousand persons to the Polo Grounds and is played by professionals who get \$20,000 for one season. Professional players were not known in that era. Not until Al Reach's day in 1864 was the professional recognized. Hence, by the way, also was the first player sold, Brooklyn making a deal which sent him to the Athletics. The first rules of the Knickerbockers were as follows:

The Rules of 1845.

1. Members must strictly observe the time agreed upon for exercise and be punctual in their attendance.
2. When assembled for exercise the president, or in his absence the vice president, shall appoint an umpire, who shall keep the game in a book provided for that purpose and note all violations of the bylaws and rules during the time of exercise.
3. The presiding officer shall designate two members as captains, who shall retire and make the match to be played, observing at the same time that the players put opposite to each other shall be as nearly equal as possible; the choice of sides to be then tossed for, and the first in hand to be decided in like manner.
4. The bases shall be from home to second base, forty-two paces; from first to third base, forty-two paces, equidistant.
5. No stump match shall be played on a regular day of exercise.
6. If there should not be a sufficient number of members of the club present at the time agreed upon to commence exercise, gentlemen not members may be chosen in to make up the match.

Baseball as They Played It Back in the Stadiumless Days at the Elysian Fields in 1851



The above is a scene at the first extra inning baseball game on record, in which the Knickerbockers beat the Washingtons by 22 to 20 in ten innings.

New Yachts to Be Seen in Local Waters Next Year

Philadelphia Yachtsman Is Building New Power Houseboat—Small Sailing Craft Popular—Host of Cruises This Winter.

By ARTHUR F. ALDRIDGE.

If yachting is a luxury, as many seem to think, then it is surely a good sign that many orders have been placed for building new yachts. It indicates that business is improving. Another good indication is that many yachts already have been chartered for the winter season in Southern waters, and very soon they will leave Northern latitudes for warmer climes. Last season was the best in several years and this year promises to be even better. The early visitors to Florida waters will do little but sail. The regatta which will be held in February. For these regattas some new boats are being built particularly for about twenty-five years, have formed a partnership and will attend chiefly to the designing and building of yachts. Mr. Mower began his career building for himself a small sloop named Helens, with which he won the Quincey cup, and he won that trophy also with the Vitesse and Duchess, which also built. Mr. Mower is a little superstitious and selects names which have several letters and the double S. Mr. Hoyt has always been a keen yachtsman. He owned the sloop Isola, with which he won the Astor cup, the Syce, the second boat Skeels and was one of the amateurs on board the Atlantic when that yacht won the ocean race.

A new class of R sloops is now being planned and it will probably be built even if the British yachtsmen do not select that size and type of yacht. The R class has been very popular in Massachusetts. This winter the section H. L. Howden is planning to have a new yacht designed by William Gardner. It waters near New York there are the Pequot R sloops, which gave general satisfaction to their owners. In summer so that more are to be built this winter at Nevins' yard and the Ariel, Addison G. Hanan's crack sloop. If more yachts are built for this class during the winter it will be as popular here as it is off Marblehead and interclub races are sure to be arranged.

Colgate Five Faces Toronto Champions on Wednesday. Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. HAMILTON, N. Y., Dec. 17.—The Colgate basketball quintet will play its second game of the 1921-1922 season on Wednesday, December 22, with the Canadian intercollegiate champion Toronto University five. The Canadian team is making an extended trip at this time and is meeting several of the strongest aggregations in this part of the country.

Coach Bill Reid's Maroon five came through the first contest of the season with Clarkson Tech in fine style, and although their play was a little ragged, they displayed great promise and should develop into one of the strongest court fives yet produced at Colgate. Within less than one week following this contest the Maroon squad, accompanied by Manager MacCormick and Coach Reid, will leave for an extended Christmas trip, which includes contests with Crelighton, Des Moines University, Chicago and Purdue. This will be one of the longest intercollegiate trips ever taken by a college athletic team, and indications point to a successful showing while on the tour.

Harvard Building Own Shell. CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 17.—Harvard may win some of next year's intercollegiate races on the Charles River with a shell built in its own yard. Construction of a boat embodying the ideas of Crimmon coaches is under way at the Newell boatworks, headquarters of the Harvard crew. The shell will be 61 feet long, 23 1/2 inches wide, and will have a depth of 16 1/2 inches.

BIG SOCCER TILTS ON LOCAL FIELDS

Todds and New York Teams to Play in Brooklyn This Afternoon.

Two soccer matches of four carded in the American Soccer League are claimed by the metropolitan district this afternoon, and from both soccer followers expect some of the finest play of the season in this section. One falls to the lot of New Jersey fans as the dribbling game and the other will be staged in Brooklyn, involving those keen rivals, New York Football Club and the Todd Shipyard's Football Club of Brooklyn.

While the New Yorks are away from their home pitch, New York Oval, in Harlem, the Viking Football Club, a Swedish-American organization, will be the home club at the big park at 150th street and Harlem River, with the Rochester City Moose Football Club of Rochester, N. Y., their opponents in the delayed third round National Challenge Cup Competition game. But while Manhattan and Brooklyn are thus favored with a league battle and a national title elimination contest, the Harrison Soccer Club will be engaged with the Fall River Football Club at Harrison Field, the Newark International League ball park. Tom Cunningham of Brooklyn will handle this contest, which is counted upon to prove one of the bitter struggles of the early winter in the Harrison club's domain. The kickoff set for 2:15 P. M. Likewise the Todd Shipyard-New York tussle at Todd Field, South Brooklyn, is billed to start at 2:15, and George Young of Philadelphia is assigned to handle the game. The New York eleven will be out for revenge for their elimination from the national title quest at the toes of the Todds last Sunday.

The standing of the league clubs to date—it became a seven club circuit with the forfeiture of the Jersey City Celts' franchise a week ago—follows:

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals	Pts.
Philadelphia	11	10	1	0	34	12
Brooklyn	11	10	1	0	34	12
New York	11	9	3	3	27	11
Fall River	11	9	3	3	27	11
Paterson	11	4	3	4	17	11
Harlem	11	4	3	4	17	11
Holmes (Falco)	10	2	2	6	10	8
Harrison	9	1	4	4	11	7

Motor Boat Show Here in Week of Races at Miami

The winter season of motor boat racing will begin at Miami, Fla., on February 11. Three long distance races have been scheduled, the first to Palm Beach and return, the second on February 18 to Key West and the third on February 23 to Havana. These three races may be regarded as post season events preliminary to the racing over the Biscayne Bay course, which will include races for the Fisher-Allison trophy, March 2, 3 and 4, and the Wood-Fisher trophy, March 7, 8 and 9, and for the New Leary trophy.

The long distance races may be considered contests chiefly for the winter residents and will not attract many visitors from the North, particularly as the seventeenth annual motor boat show will be the attraction in New York February 17 to February 25. There has been no show since December, 1920, and so the coming exhibition will be of more than ordinary interest.

Although it is still two months away most of the space has been taken and Ira Hand, secretary, is being hard pressed to find more room. It is probable that some of the boats exhibited at the show will be put on the cars as soon as the exhibition closes and sent to Miami to compete in the races and at the same time a very large contingent of visitors to the show will go South for the March events.

Son of Carlos Herrera Athlete at Rennselaer

THOR, N. Y., Dec. 17.—Rafael Carlos Herrera, son of Carlos Herrera, the recently deceased President of the Republic of Guatemala, is a student in his third year in the civil engineering course at the Rennselaer Polytechnic Institute. He is a speedy distance runner, ranking third on the Troy Engineers undefeated team in the 100 yard dash, and is a member of the varsity track and swimming squads. He was captain of his freshman class football team and has played class football for three seasons.

A native of Guatemala, Herrera received his preparatory education at Montclair Academy, at Montclair, N. J., and while there took an active part in athletics, winning the all round track championship in 1918.

Nebraska Would Play Harvard on Gridiron

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 17.—Nebraska wants to play Harvard's football team next fall. An inquiry from the Westerners was received by Harvard athletic authorities to-day. If Harvard has a place on its schedule to offer, it was indicated, Nebraska would begin negotiations. California as yet has made no final answer to the Crimson's invitation for a game here on October 28 next.

Hard Schedule Ahead for Union Basketball Team

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE NEW YORK HERALD. SCHENECTADY, N. Y., Dec. 17.—The Union College varsity basketball schedule is as follows: January 7, Rochester University, at home; January 14, Syracuse, at Syracuse; January 20, Yale, at New Haven. Conn.; January 21, Western, at Middletown, Conn.; January 24, Colgate, at home. February 1, Hamilton, at home; February 9, Columbia, at home; February 18, Army, at West Point; February 22, Williams, at Williamstown, Mass.; February 25, New York University, at New York.

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YACHT KODAK IS DEFENDED BY OWNER

Says the Remeasurement of His Boat Proved Injustice of Disqualification.

In reply to the Hudson River Yacht Club, which recently made public its reasons for having disqualified his yacht Kodak in the Rockland Light race last September, Richard J. Haslinger, owner of the boat, has written to THE NEW YORK HERALD at length denying the charges of the club and pointing out that the American Power Boat Association after a hearing suspended the club for its failure to abide by the racing commission's ruling that the second prize in the race be awarded to the Kodak.

Mr. Haslinger states that the only reason for disqualification advanced by the Hudson River Yacht Club originally was that the boat did not float at the proper water line. The other reasons appeared, he says, after the suspension by the A. P. B. A.

"One of the new reasons mentioned," writes Mr. Haslinger, "is that it came to the knowledge of the committee that the Kodak on July 3 had raced in the Block Island race with an inspector on board to check up her statistics and that her correct rating was found to be 35.69, as evidenced by published records of the A. P. B. A. As a matter of fact the records which Mr. Bayless refers to were not published until December 1, although my boat was disqualified September 11.

"Even if the facts were true they would have no bearing on the case, because the rating of a boat is dependent upon the r. p. m. (revolutions per minute) at which the motor is operated. The r. p. m. depends on the size of the propeller used. As the Kodak was equipped with a small propeller in the Block Island race and with a large propeller in the Hudson River Yacht Club race, it naturally follows that her rating should be considerably lower in the race in which a large propeller is used.

Mr. Haslinger goes on to say that at the hearing arranged between the A. P. B. A. and the Hudson River Yacht Club it was agreed that the Kodak's hull be remeasured by a measurer named by the club. This was done, the Kodak's measurements were found to be correct, and the racing commission of the A. P. B. A. thereupon ruled that the disqualification of the Kodak was not justified. The club, however, has refused to abide by the decision.

All Chinese Collegiate Five Meets Celts to-day

An international flavor will be introduced into professional basketball in this city this afternoon when the All-Chinese Collegiate Five of Shanghai, China, meets the Original Celts in the Madison Square Garden. These Oriental basket toppers, led by Buckley Lai, a player with the Bridgeport Eastern Baseball League club, the past two years, are said to be capable court performers, all of them having learned the game in college. It will be a distinct novelty for basketball fans in this city.

In the night game at Madison Square Garden the Original Celts will meet the Powers Brothers Five of Passaic, N. J. The Powers Brothers are the star of the team in the metropolitan district. They held the Celts to a tie score last year and gave them a fast game in the Garden earlier this season. They look like the club that can stop the Celts.

Junior Yachtsmen on Larchmont Hockey Team

The Larchmont Hockey Club, a new organization, will open its season next Thursday in a game with the team of the Royal Bank of Canada, to be played at the 150th Street Ice Palace. The Larchmonts are planning to have a rink at the Larchmont Yacht Club by flooding the tennis courts.

The team is made up mostly of junior yachtsmen. Lovejoy, a Dartmouth college man and a son of the late John F. Lovejoy, who was very prominent in yachting affairs, is captain. Others on the team are O'Keefe, formerly of the Hockey Club of New York; Kaiser, Hamilton College; Gray, the football star of the University of Virginia; Drake, Sparkman, son of Captain J. D. Sparkman; Bacon, Gerry and Collins.

Games are to be arranged with West Point, Columbia and Holy Cross and country club teams in the vicinity of New York.

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